

ABSTRACT

An efficient processing system, such as for transcoding video data. In an embodiment that is suitable for single or multiple processor embodiments, 5 a processing mode is set for each input video frame, e.g., as a full transcode mode, which uses motion compensation, a requantization mode, which avoids motion compensation, or a bypass mode. The processing mode selection is based on a number of processing cycles that are available to process a frame, and an 10 expected processing requirement of the frame. The bypass or requantization modes are selected to avoid a buffer overflow of the processor.

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